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1. East Germany, including East Berlin, has certain major production units of Germany's prewar industry. This includes the Schering plant, Berlin-Adlershof, which contributes the majority of items listed in the catalog drawn up by Daba-Pharm, (predecessor of DIA-Chemie (Deutscher Innen-und Aussenhandel-Chemie)). Penicillin production appears to be mainly calcium salts. Sulphonamide production is almost certainly in excess of needs, and there appears to be a surplus production of some vaccines. Relatively large imports of antibiotics have been made. The East German Five-Year-Plan provides for substantial increases in pharmaceutical production, especially streptomycin and anti-TB drugs.
2. It is interesting to note that pharmaceuticals amount to 25% of the value of reparations shipment of chemicals, and the USSR is said to take 50% of all reparations shipments.
3. The total production of the pharmaceutical group, VVB Pharma¹, was valued at 7,000,000 £ sterling in 1950 and 9,500,000 £ sterling in 1951; a production valued at 30,000,000 £ sterling is planned for 1955. VVB Pharma is said to control a total of 25 industries of which some are responsible to the Ministry of Industry (sic) and, therefore, presumably, considered of great importance. Ministry-controlled plants are at Berlin-Niederschonenweide, Magdeburg, Klaffenbach, Krumpa, Dessau (sera), Berlin-Adlershof (Schering - insulin and penicillin), Berlin-Weissensee (sera), Rodleben (sulphonamides), Dresden (penicillin), and Oranienberg (bismuth and arsenicals).

1. Comment: Dissolved on 1 April 1953. Most firms were placed under the Ministry of Health; some were placed under HV-Chemie of the State Secretariat of Chemistry.

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